

**Gubernatorial Local Union Sample  
Building and Construction Trades**

Please copy this letter onto your local union letterhead. The President or Business Manager is strongly encouraged to sign the letter and mail it to every active and retired member. **Please fax a copy to the NJ State AFL-CIO at (609) 989-8734.**

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Dear Union Member and Family,

There are a lot of reasons to vote in the governor's race this year, but we know what's really important. Our jobs, wages and benefits are being threatened. It's getting harder to provide for our families.

**We need a governor who will support working families. But Chris Christie has made it clear that he does not side with us on the issues.**

**Christie calls project labor agreements (PLAs) "special interest giveaways" and vows to abolish them.** Christie says PLAs "add substantial costs without delivering a single public benefit" and create "an inexcusable amount of waste." He thinks that PLAs are "special interest labor union giveaways that increase spending and taxes." If elected, he says "we have to end project labor agreements."

**Christie opposes prevailing wages.** Christie opposes Davis-Bacon requirements that mandate workers get paid prevailing wages on publicly funded construction projects. He thinks they are an "inexcusable waste on public construction projects." Christie doesn't recognize the importance of prevailing wage laws in ensuring we can provide for our families.

**Chris Christie even opposes federal assistance to help turn our economy around.** Christie sides with Gov. Sarah Palin and Gov. Bobby Jindal, saying "it makes sense" that other governors have tried to refuse federal recovery money—which has been used in New Jersey to protect and create jobs, invest in infrastructure projects and ensure unemployment assistance. Instead, he says the money is "a gimmick."

**For more information about Chris Christie's record on key working family issues, please visit [www.therealchristie.com](http://www.therealchristie.com).**

How you vote is a personal decision, but on Nov. 3 think about which candidate will work to create the future you want for your family.

In Solidarity,